

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Insert, at page 1, before line 3, the paragraph beginning with "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", the following title and paragraph:

**-- PRIORITY CLAIM**

This is a national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/FI00/00746, filed on September 1, 2000. Priority is claimed on that application and on application No. 991863, filed in Finland on September 1, 1999.--

Amend the paragraph at page 4, line 12, beginning with the words "FIGS. 2-7 ..." as follows:

-- FIGS. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 [~~FIGS. 2-7~~] shows schematically cross-sectional side views of different embodiments of curtain coaters according to the invention.--